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Don't Let the Lights Go Out in Kentucky

We may not write the check to cover the electricity and other energy we use at work, but one way or another we all pay for it. Every watt we use at work is one less available to us at home. Every dime the Cabinet pays utility companies is one less available to pay salaries and fund programs.

Every week in this space, Pipeline will offer a tip on an easy, painless way to save energy at work. We welcome any and all suggestions. If you know of a way each of us can cut down on the energy we use at work, please send a description to patricia.boler@mail.state.ky.us

Being Travel Efficient Pays Off

Here are a couple of simple tips to use this summer to reap sizable dividends:

- Tune your car as needed. Poorly tuned cars use 3 to 9 percent more gas than well-tuned cars.
- Keep your tires inflated at the rated pressure; it can extend the life of your tires, and improve your gas mileage up to 5 percent!

For more simple energy-efficiency tips, check out the source: www.nr.state.ky.us/hrepc/dnr/energy/dotips.html#tips.

Guidelines for Employee Organizations

There are a number of employee organizations that desire access to various categories of CFC employees for purposes relating to the Governor's Employee Advisory Council. Please be aware that personal solicitation of membership, dues, representation, or other internal employee organization business at state offices may be conducted only during employees' **non-work time** and in **non-work areas**.

All employee organizations must request access in advance by writing CFC's designated person (Mark Rosen, primary contact person; Terry Thompson, secondary contact person) to arrange meeting times and places to minimize disruption to state work. The written request shall be on organization letterhead and may be faxed to 502-564-9724. All employee organizations shall be treated fairly and equally.

If you have any questions concerning employee organizations' access to CFC facilities, please contact Mark Rosen at 502-564-7770 or via email at mark.rosen@mail.state.ky.us.



Forum on Giving Jefferson County's Children Safe, Permanent Homes

By Anya Weber, CFC Communications

A state-sponsored forum this week focused on building partnerships to protect children and strengthen resources for natural, foster and adoptive parents.

The Safe Kids/Loving Families Forum provided area foster and adoptive parents, community partners, private child-care providers and others with information on Jefferson County's approach to these tasks.

The daylong forum, sponsored by the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children, was held at Louisville's Executive Inn West, 978 Phillips Lane. It was designed to promote Comprehensive Family Services - the Cabinet's strategy for pulling together all the services families need to achieve good outcomes. Scheduled speakers included Cabinet for Families and Children Secretary Viola Miller, Cabinet Ombudsman and former state legislator Eleanor Jordan, Jefferson County Service Region Administrator Sandra Wilson, and representatives from the event's co-sponsors, the Annie E. Casey Foundation and

the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. "Developing a strong partnership network of neighborhood based services that is family focused, fosters better outcomes for children," Wilson said. "This eases the transition when there is a key decision in a child's life."

Among the tools highlighted during the forum were the Community Partnership for the Protection of Children and Family to Family, an innovative model of foster care. Both these approaches are premised on strong family and neighborhood involvement in finding long-term solutions.

For more information on the June 21 forum, or to learn more about ways to keep children safe and find loving families for them, log on to <http://cfc.state.ky.us/kipda/pg29.html> or call Nelson Knight at (502) 595-4002.



Kentucky Deferred Compensation Expo

New Information! New Ideas!
New Funds!

This is the 6th annual series of Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority Participant Investment/Education Expos. The Expos will be held in June, August and October. For dates, locations and times visit the Authority's web site at

www.kentuckydcp.com (click on employee, then on news) or call the Authority at 800-542-2667 or 502-573-7925.

Attending an Expo provides a unique, exciting and entertaining way to learn more about one of the most important optional benefits available to public employees today.

Expo '01 features a totally revised format, new fund providers, and bigger and better door prizes. There will be two sessions (identical formats) featuring representatives from all fund providers and Authority staff. Each session should last about two hours.

You will be able to join Deferred Compensation or make changes to your account on site.

Remember, state employees will be allowed two hours, plus reasonable travel time, to attend without loss of pay. Be sure to coordinate your attendance with your supervisor.

Sick Leave Needs

Stacey Ewalt, daughter of Nancy Brown in Operations Support, is in need of donated sick leave.

Stacey works for the Revenue Cabinet. Her husband is battling cancer. To donate time, contact Anita Collins at (502) 564-3640.





Tuition Waived for Foster and Adopted Children at Kentucky's Public Colleges and Universities

By Margaret Harney, CFC Communications

Some Kentucky foster and adopted children who register for classes this fall will be the first beneficiaries of legislation that waives their tuition at the state's public post-secondary schools.

Under House Bill 62, passed by the 2001 Kentucky General Assembly and effective June 21, eligible foster and adopted children will not be charged tuition or mandatory instruction fees at Kentucky's public colleges and universities, including schools in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

To qualify, a student must meet the school's entrance requirements, attend full time, and maintain the school's required academic standing while enrolled. Costs for room, board, and books will not be waived.

Before applying for the tuition waiver, students must have completed the Free Application

for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process. The amount of the waiver will be determined by any other free financial assistance (loans are excluded) the student receives. The waiver and other free assistance will not exceed the total cost of attending the school.

Students may obtain FAFSA forms from high school counselors or their schools' financial aid offices. Anyone planning to attend school during the 2001 term has probably already submitted a FAFSA and obtained a reply on eligibility. That reply is required for the student to be eligible for the waiver.

Eligible students include children:

1. currently placed in foster care by the Cabinet for Families and Children or the Department of Juvenile Justice; **or**
2. in an independent living program; **or**
3. formerly in the custody of CFC or DJJ before being adopted by a family who lives in Kentucky; **or**
4. in the custody of CFC or DJJ on his or her 18th birthday; **or**
5. over age 18 whose families receive state-funded adoption assistance under KRS 199.555.

The appropriate agency, the Cabinet for Families and Children or the Department of Juvenile Justice, will complete the tuition waiver form to confirm the child's status to the school. This confirmation will

not constitute a breach of confidentiality, and no other information will be provided.

Foster and adopted students may apply for the tuition waiver up to four years after graduating from high school. Eligibility for the waiver lasts for five years from the date the eligible student enters a post-secondary institution, provided the student maintains the school's academic requirements.

For more information, call your local CFC staff or 1-800-232-5437.

Discount Coupons Available for Area Amusement Parks

The following coupons are available in the Division of Personnel for you to pick up:

- Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom: \$10 off admission! (Expires 10/28/01)

Retirement Reception

There will be a retirement reception for Cliff Jennings, Division of Policy Development, DCBS, in the CHR building cafeteria on Friday, July 20, from 2-4 p.m. For more information, e-mail or call Stephanie Brammer-Barnes at (502) 564-7536.